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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT FOR LABOR CONVENTION

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1. BERGERON CONFIRMED TO LABATT 4 OCTOBER DESIGNATION COMILLE MOURGUES, FORCE OUVRIERE CONFEDERAL SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, TO ACCEPT GRANT FOR VISIT TO US AND ATTENDANCE AFL-CIO CONVENTION. MOURGUES, HOWEVER, UNABLE EXTEND VISIT BEYOND 8 TO 10 DAYS.
2. REGRET TO ADVISE THAT POST UNABLE AT THIS TIME AWARD GRANT TO MOURGUES BECAUSE EMBASSY'S IV FUNDS ALREADY FULLY COMMITTED THROUGH INFORMAL APPROACH TO SELECTED CANDIDATES FOR 1973-74 TRAVEL.
3. WE URGE DEPT. CONSIDER FAVORABLE SPECIAL GRANT TO FUND MOURGUES TRAVEL SINCE IT WILL AFFORD VERY USEFUL CONTACTS BETWEEN HIM AND AFL-CIO LEADERS, STATE AND LABOR OFFICIALS AND OTHER FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES AT AFL-CIO CONVENTION. MOURGUES IS DEEPLY INVOLVED AND AN EFFECTIVE PARTICIPANT IN MULTIPLE CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS WHICH ARE SHAPING CURRENT EUROPEAN LABOR'S ALIGNMENTS AND ALLIANCES. ACCORDINGLY, AFL-CIO, AS WELL AS WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, MAY BENEFIT FROM MOURGUES' DIRECT REPORTS AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENTS OF EUROPEAN SCENE. HE IS EXTREMELY ASTUTE AND SOPHISTICATED, THOROUGHLY COMMITTED TO DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISM AND UNWAVERING FRIEND OF US.

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